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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 611
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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Ralph King,
Riverdale High School star player, on his
selection as the 2001 Tennessee Secondary
School Athletic Association Division I Class 5A
“Mr. Football” Back.

WHEREAS, The highest form of recognition that a high school football player within this state can receive is to be named by the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association as “Mr. Football”; and

WHEREAS, The 2001 nominations for this rare honor appropriately included Ralph King, a Riverdale High School Senior, who was chosen as the Division I Class 5A “Mr. Football” Back for his stellar efforts in helping Riverdale win the State championship title; and

WHEREAS, As a Sophomore, Ralph showed early signs of future greatness, receiving the Special Teams Player of the Year award, being named All-County, All-Region, and as the *Daily News Journal* Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, While only a Junior, this exceptionally talented athlete compiled the third highest rushing yard total, with 2,628 yards. Such awesome statistics gained Ralph recognition

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for his skills on the field, thus offering him the honor of being named as a “Mr. Football” Finalist, as the 5A Back of the Year, All-County, All-Region, All-State, and as the *Daily News Journal's* Player of the Year and Male Athlete of the Year; and

WHEREAS, His long list of honors during that highly memorable year also included selection as Warrior of the Year, Offensive Player of the Year, Riverdale Student of the Week, Offense Most Valuable Player, and he received second place in the County Act Fair; and

WHEREAS, This season, Ralph served as a team captain, carried the ball more than 200 times for more than 2,000 yards, averaging 9.8 yards per carry; and

WHEREAS, His brilliant career totals included 5,542 yards rushing, and more than 100 touchdowns, the second highest total in our State's storied history; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Nickolas King is the son of proud parents, Ralph and Jackie King; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that we pause to honor and commend this elite athlete; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Ralph King on being named the 2001 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division I Class 5A “Mr. Football” Back and wish him every success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.